

proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 559) calling on the President to take immediate steps to help stop the violence in Darfur.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 559) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 559

Whereas the Darfur Peace Agreement, signed on May 5, 2006, between the Government of Sudan and rebels in Darfur has not resulted in a cessation of hostilities in Darfur;

Whereas, although the United Nations Security Council approved Security Council Resolution 1706 (2006), which provides for a United Nations peacekeeping presence in Darfur to replace the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS), the Government of Sudan has rejected the deployment of United Nations peacekeepers;

Whereas the Government of Sudan is engaged in a major offensive in Darfur, in direct violation of the Darfur Peace Agreement;

Whereas violence in the Darfur region has increased since the signing of the Darfur Peace Agreement;

Whereas Jan Egeland, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, has stated that the coming weeks may result in a "man-made catastrophe of an unprecedented scale" in Darfur;

Whereas the African Union has decided to terminate the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) at the end of September 2006;

Whereas it is unlikely that the United Nations will have the logistical means or capability to deploy peacekeepers to Sudan until the end of 2006;

Whereas the people of Darfur cannot wait that long for security to be re-established; and

Whereas the international community must renew its efforts to stop genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity in Darfur:

Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) strongly condemns—

(A) the current military offensive of the Government of Sudan in Darfur in violation of the terms of the May 5, 2006, Darfur Peace Agreement and the April 8, 2004, N'Djamena cease-fire accord; and

(B) the rejection by the Government of Sudan of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1706 (2006);

(2) commends the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) for its actions to date in monitoring the April 8, 2004, N'Djamena cease-fire agreement in Darfur and encourages the African Union to leave the AMIS force in place until a United Nations peacekeeping mission is deployed to Darfur;

(3) calls upon the Government of Sudan to immediately—

(A) cease its military offensive in Darfur; and

(B) comply with the deployment of United Nations peacekeepers to Darfur as called for by the United Nations Security Council;

(4) calls upon the United Nations—

(A) to deploy as quickly as practicable peacekeeping troops as authorized by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1706 (2006) that are well trained and equipped; and

(B) to begin considerations of sanctions as called for by paragraphs 6 and 7 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1556 (2004) and paragraph 14 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1564 (2004);

(5) urges the President to take urgent steps to help improve the security situation in Darfur, including by—

(A) pursuing the imposition of a "no-fly zone" in Darfur in cooperation with the United Nations, NATO, or NATO allies;

(B) garnering support for NATO assistance with the handover by the African Union of the AMIS mission to the United Nations;

(C) working through diplomatic channels to obtain the support of China, Russia, and United States allies in the Arab League in securing the compliance of the Government of Sudan with the deployment of United Nations peacekeepers as provided by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1706 (2006);

(D) supporting full funding for the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan;

(E) securing the necessary support from United Nations member states to schedule a special session on Sudan in the United Nations Human Rights Council; and

(F) appointing a Special Envoy to Sudan to head the Office of the Presidential Special Envoy established pursuant to chapter 6 of title I of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Public Law 109-234; 120 Stat. 439); and

(6) urges the international community—

(A) to support the deployment of United Nations peacekeepers to Darfur financially, with logistical and equipment support, or through troop contributions;

(B) to fulfill financial obligations to United Nations and international humanitarian aid agencies for responding to the crisis in Darfur or addressing humanitarian needs throughout Sudan;

(C) to impose targeted sanctions against members of the National Congress Party determined to be responsible for human rights violations, war crimes, and crimes against humanity; and

(D) to impose sanctions consistent with paragraphs 6 and 7 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1556 (2004) and paragraph 14 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1564 (2004).

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF THOSE WHO DIED IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY ABOARD THE U.S.S. ENTERPRISE ON JANUARY 14, 1969

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent to now proceed to consideration of S. Res. 569, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 569) honoring the life of those who died in service to their country aboard the U.S.S. *Enterprise* on January 14, 1969.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 569) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 569

Whereas, on the morning of January 14, 1969, an MK-32 Zuni rocket fixed to an F-4 Phantom on the U.S.S. *Enterprise* (CVN-65) was overheated due to the exhaust of a nearby aircraft causing the rocket to explode;

Whereas the initial explosion of the MK-32 Zuni rocket set off a chain reaction of explosions, thus causing the death of 28 sailors and injuries to 314 more;

Whereas the servicemen killed include FA Paul Akers, AN David M. Asbury, LTJG Carl D. Berghult, LTJG James H. Berry, AO3 Richard W. Bovaird, AE3 Patrick L. Bulingham, AMS3 James R. Floyd Jr., AN Ernest L. Foster, ABHAN Delbert D. Girty, AEC Ronald E. Hay, ASH3 Roger L. Halbrook, AN Dole L. Hunt, ALAN Donald R. Lacy, ADJ3 Armando Limon, AME3 Dennis E. Marks, ABH1 James Martineau, ALAN Joseph C. Mason, AN Dennis R. Milburn, AN Joseph W. Oates, LTJG Buddy D. Pyeatt, ABE3 Jacob J. Quintis, BM2 James C. Snipes, AN Russell J. Tyler, AN Lavern R. Von Feldt, AN Robert C. Ward Jr., AN John R. Webster, ASM2 Henry S. Yates Jr., and AMS3 Jerome D. Yoakum;

Whereas the U.S.S. *Enterprise*, also known as "the Big E", was the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, and changed forever the face of maritime warfare;

Whereas the U.S.S. *Enterprise*, commissioned on November 25, 1961, is the world's longest aircraft carrier, measuring 1,123 feet, and remains in service docked at its home in Norfolk, Virginia; and

Whereas those who perished aboard the U.S.S. *Enterprise* on January 14, 1969, served their country bravely: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate honors the life and legacy of those who bravely served aboard the U.S.S. *Enterprise* (CVN-65), especially those who gave their lives in service to the United States on January 14, 1969.

#### ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 3861

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent S. 3861 be star printed, and the changes are at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar No. 376, Calendar No. 887, Calendar No. 888, Calendar No. 889, Calendar No. 891, and Calendar No. 894. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, that the President be immediately notified

of the Senate's action, and the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Bertha K. Madras, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

George E.B. Holding, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

#### PEACE CORPS

Ronald A. Tschetter, of Minnesota, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation).

Cesar Benito Cabrera, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Seychelles.

Mary Martin Ourisman, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, September 14. I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and pledge the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be considered approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for up to 30 minutes, with the first 15 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee and the final 15 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee; further, that following morning business the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 4954, the port security bill.

I further ask unanimous consent that there be 1 hour of debate equally divided in the usual form, followed by a vote on the cloture motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will finish consider-

ation of the port security bill. The cloture vote will occur at approximately 11 a.m. The leader urges our colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote for cloture so that we can expedite passage of this important bill. Following the cloture vote, the bill's manager will work through the remaining amendments. Senators should expect votes throughout the day.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SECURITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR EVERY PORT ACT—Continued

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 4954, the port security bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all second-degree amendments be filed at the desk by 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENTS NOS. 4924, AS MODIFIED; 4928; 4932; 4933; 4939, AS MODIFIED; 4946, AS MODIFIED; 4950, AS MODIFIED; 4949; 4951; 4953; 4954, AS MODIFIED; 4955; 4959, AS MODIFIED; 4964; 4976; 4985, AS MODIFIED; 4988, AS MODIFIED; 5000; AND 4947, AS MODIFIED

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I send to the desk a package of amendments. I would like to read them: amendment No. 4924, as modified, for Senator ROCKEFELLER; amendment No. 4928, for Senator BINGAMAN; amendment No. 4932, for Senator DOMENICI; amendment No. 4933, for Senator DOMENICI; amendment No. 4939, as modified, for Senator KERRY; amendment No. 4946, as modified, for Senator BURNS; amendment No. 4950, as modified, for Senator CANTWELL; amendment No. 4949, for Senator CANTWELL; amendment No. 4951, for Senator McCain; amendment No. 4953, for Senator VITTER; amendment No. 4954, as modified, for Senator SNOWE; amendment No. 4955, for Senator ALLARD; amendment No. 4959, as modified, for Senator PRYOR; amendment No. 4964, for Senator BURNS; amendment No. 4976, for Senator BOXER; amendment No. 4985, as modified, for Senator BAUCUS; amendment No. 4988, as modified, for Senator LAUTENBERG; amendment No. 5000, for Senator SNOWE; and amendment No. 4947, as modified, for Senator BURNS.

I ask unanimous consent that these amendments be considered en bloc, adopted en bloc, and I move to reconsider that action.

Mrs. MURRAY. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendments were agreed to en bloc as follows:

#### AMENDMENT NO. 4924, AS MODIFIED

#### SEC. —. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPETITIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

#### “SEC. 314. COMPETITIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, shall establish a competitive research program within the Directorate.

“(2) DIRECTOR.—The program shall be headed by a Director, who shall be appointed by the Secretary. The Director shall report to the Under Secretary.

“(3) DUTIES OF DIRECTOR.—In the administration of the program, the Director shall—

“(A) establish a cofunding mechanism for States with academic facilities that have not fully developed security-related science and technology to support burgeoning research efforts by the faculty or link them to established investigators;

“(B) provide for conferences, workshops, outreach, and technical assistance to researchers and institutions of higher education in States on topics related to developing science and technology expertise in areas of high interest and relevance to the Department;

“(C) monitor the efforts of States to develop programs that support the Department's mission;

“(D) implement a merit review program, consistent with program objectives, to ensure the quality of research conducted with Program funding; and

“(E) provide annual reports on the progress and achievements of the Program to the Secretary.

“(b) ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PROGRAM.—

“(1) SCOPE.—The Director shall provide assistance under the program for research and development projects that are related to, or qualify as, homeland security research (as defined in section 307(a)(2)) under the program.

“(2) FORM OF ASSISTANCE.—Assistance under the program can take the form of grants, contracts, or cooperative arrangements.

“(3) APPLICATIONS.—Applicants shall submit proposals or applications in such form, at such times, and containing such information as the Director may require.

“(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—

“(1) START-UP PHASES.—For the first 3 fiscal years beginning after the date of enactment of the Border Infrastructure and Technology Integration Act of 2004, assistance under the program shall be limited to institutions of higher education located in States in which an institution of higher education with a grant from, or a contract or cooperative agreement with, the National Science Foundation under section 113 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 1862) is located.

“(2) SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning with the 4th fiscal year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall rank order the States (excluding any noncontiguous State (as defined in section 2(14)) other than Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands) in descending order in terms of the average amount of funds received by institutions of higher education (as that term is defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))) in each State that received financial assistance in the form of grants, contracts, or cooperative arrangements under